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Committee on National Security  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with section 224 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Years 1990-1991, as amended, enclosed is the 1997 Annual Report to Congress on Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) prepared by the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO). The Report includes discussions of (1) Strategy and Objectives, (2) Theater Missile Defense, (3) National Missile Defense (NMD), (4) Technology Development Strategy and Programs, (5) Program Funding, (6) Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty Compliance, (7) International Coordination and Consultation, and (8) Ballistic Missile Defense Countermeasures.

The Report has traditionally been tied to BMD programs reflected in the President's Budget. However, as a result of the Quadrennial Defense Review, changes have been made in certain programs that are not reflected in the enclosed report and other changes may be necessary. First, the Theater High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) program will be restructured to allow time to correct problems in the flight test program and meet a First Unit Equipped of 2006. In addition, detailed engineering trade studies on THAAD/Navy Theater Wide (NTW) missile and component commonality will be conducted and reported to the USD(A&T) by February 28, 1998. The Navy and BMDO will budget for NWT risk reduction activities to support a Milestone II Decision in FY03. The Army and BMDO will continue the Medium Extended Air Defense System program through FY99 and plan for a Design and Development decision in early FY99. The Joint Theater Air and Missile Defense Organization and BMDO will produce a master plan by January 31, 1998, that outlines theater ballistic missile defense and cruise missile defense requirements. The BMDO and NMD Joint Program Office will continue NMD as a deployment readiness program leading to an integrated system test in FY99 and prepare for a decision on deployment as early as 2000, and to deploy an initial capability within three years after a decision to deploy is made. The Department of Defense will not budget for deployment ahead of a deployment decision. The Air Force will continue with the baseline Space Based Infrared System-Low program, and report related system studies and design trades to identify non-NMD mission utility to the USD(A&T) by December 31, 1998.

Sincerely,

Enclosure:  
As stated

cc:

Honorable Ronald Dellums  
Ranking Democrat

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